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NEW YORK ARCHEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Nineteen professional archaeologists met in Syracuse and formed the N. Y. Archeological Council. The purpose - to insure a strong voice for New York, to add support to legislation and to help with archeological salvage emergencies. The steering committee formed for emergency salvage action are as follows and can be called in time of archeological emergencies:

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1972-73 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN APPOINTED President Pierce announces the following committee appointments:

Awards & Fellowships - Mr. Theodore Whitney (Chenango) Columbus Road, New Berlin,
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Archeomagnetic Dating Research D. F. Griffiths is attempting to establish an archeomagnetic dating sequence in New York State for Middle and Late Woodlands periods. This process can provide dates to within 15 years at a confidence level of 95% as compared to C-14's 100 years at a 67% confidence level. Data collection entails casting fired clay in plaster of paris molds before the clay has been disturbed by excavation. This means that hearths and other strongly fired areas on soils with high clay content (and oxides of iron) are necessary to provide samples for analysis. Samples should be free from roots or other disturbances. For further information write:

D. F. Griffiths, Dept. of Anthropology, SUNY / Buffalo, 4242 Ridge Lea Road, Amherst, New York 14226.

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Membership Dues Envelopes Chapter treasurers are reporting problems and confusion when the new dues envelopes are used for Chapter dues. The only way the envelopes can be used for Chapter use is as follows:

1. Pre-address the envelope to the Chapter treasurer mailing out the bills.
2. A number of Chapters have a Chapter assessment and this will make the amount of dues shown on the envelopes valid. Cross out the figures on the envelopes and place the amount (including Chapter assessment) opposite each category.
3. Cross out the words, "Bill me". If you don't, you will find yourself doing the work twice.

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The Newsletter We have had request for information that has appeared in recent Newsletters. For the new secretaries, eight Newsletters are sent to each Chapter for distribution to their officers and Chapter files. Other distributions are sent to each NYSAA officer and committeemen, A small supply to the Albany and Rochester Museums, and a copy to each of the societies or State archaeologist in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We hope these are being distributed and read.

If Chapter secretaries are not receiving the Newsletter, please let me know. We are mailing them third class to cut expenses.

Patches and Shirts NYSAA arm emblems are available at \$1.00 from the Orange County Chapter *- Kenneth Greene, 90 Kawajanda Avenue, Middletown, New York 10940. Shirts with the NYSAA emblem are being sold by Triple Cities Chapter at \$3.50 - Dolores Elliott, 1229 Zevan Road, Johnson City, New York 13790

Both Chapters would appreciate your business and the Association would appreciate the free advertising. Please notify your memberships of these articles available for sale to NYSAA members. Orange County could use the money with the 1973 convention expenditures facing them. * * *

Anniversaries and Bouquets Looking over some old issues of "The Bulletin" I note that both the Triple Cities and Upper Susquehanna Chapter are celebrating their 5th year as Chapters in the Association. Both Chapters have made appreciable contributions both archeological and membership wise. Many of us could take note of their five year accomplishments.

Bulletin No. 52, July 1971, marked the 30th Bulletin publication of Editor Lou Brennan. In thirty issues the only resemblance to the old Bulletin is the size of the print. Eleven years have brought a publication we can all be proud of. From the paper cover to the semi-hard cover, the quality of the sketches, the photographs and the excellent articles, papers and reports have all helped to improve the publication to the high quality it is today but, our Editor, Louis A. Brennan, put it all together. Many thanks Lou, for the hours of loyal dedication and service to the NYSAA.

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Eleven Chapters and the NYSAA Most of the dedicated people in New York State archeology are so busy building strong Chapters that we forget the great need for a strong State Association. In these times, of legislation, of over population, of increased construction, 20, 50 or 100 members working separately through out the State can do little to change the times. The chapters can no longer afford to work only for themselves. More effort and time must be released to the Association if any of us are to survive. Chapters located in urban areas are fighting a losing battle, concentrating only on salvage archeology which usually winds up with half the answers. The Association has a good start with eight hundred members. By banding together in one common cause and voice we can accomplish far more. Lets get on our horses and all ride in the same direction, while there is still a place to ride to.

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News Needed Other than annual reports and membership reports Chapters, in general keep most of their news to themselves. We are all interested in what is happening to you and what you as a chapter are doing. Don't keep it a secret - your light will go further if you shine it around. You must be getting tired of Orange County Chapter news but that is all I have to offer - Its up to YOU.

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Chenango Regular meeting June 9, 8:00pm - Program - Archeology of the Upper Susquehanna. Dr. Robert Funk

Orange County Annual picnic June 11, 2:00 pm Program- Louis A. Brennan.

Ralph Robinson will speak on the Dutchess Quarry Cave June 9, 8:00 pm to the Funks of the Delaware Chap. SPA

Ted and Mercian Whitney (Chenango Chapter) spoke before the Chapter on the White site at our May 19th meeting. The weekend developed into everything other than was planned. Our trip to Cossackie planned for May 21 was postponed until the following weekend due to the discovery and salvage of Orange County's 44th Mastodon. All we can say is that we got the whole thing. Chapter members worked 10 hours, in the rain, on Saturday and 8 hours on Sunday thru conditions that were unbelievable contributing over 500 hours of their time to salvage the great beast. Cooperation of the property owners and surrounding farmers were fantastic, you had to see it to believe it. Many slides were taken and over four hundred feet of movie film - all have been developed and considering conditions turned out better than our expectations. Larger than the Arbonio Mastodon our new find should measure twenty-five feet in length (including tusks) and fourteen feet high. Plans are to keep this one in Orange County where the residents can view it without cost.

Cossackie field trip turned out thirty members on the following weekend.

Upper Susquehanna Frank Hesse presented the program on Techniques and methodology of field work at the Chapters May meeting. The Chapter is conducting excavations near Colliersville.

Van Epps - Hartley Father Ronald Schultz, O.F.S. Conv. has been named to head the Shrine. He replaces deceased NYSAA Fellow, Father Thomas Grassman, O.F.S.

The Chapter also reports the death of long time member John Swart.

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MEMBERSHIP To date the total Association membership = 832 and breaks down as follows: Auringer-Seelye - 19; Chenango - 80; Houghton - 43; Long Island - 107; Metropolitan - 43; Mid Hudson - 15; Morgan - 106; Orange County - 155; Triple Cities - 90; Upper Susquehanna - 37; Van Epps - 101; Members at Large - 19; Sustaining members at Large - 17.

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Please send News!!!! - W. F. Ehlers, 8 Jackson Avenue, Middletown, N. Y. 10940